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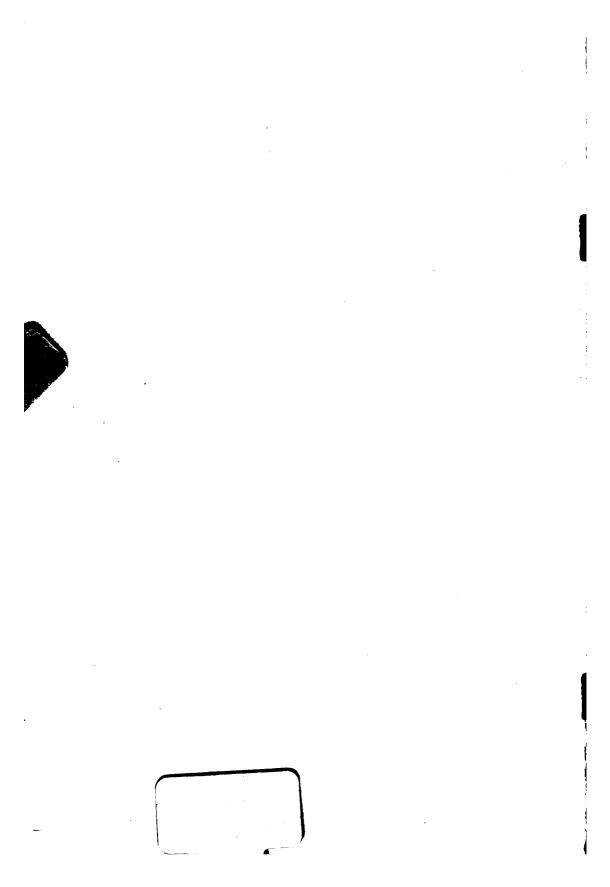
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STATE OF INDIANA

REPORT

ON

FARMERS' INSTITUTES

FOR THE YEAR 1902

. TO THE GOVERNOR

INDIANAPOLIS:

WM. B. BURFORD, CONTRACTOR FOR STATE PRINTING AND BINDING.



THE STATE OF INDIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, March 17, 1903.

Received by the Governor, examined and referred to the Auditor of State for verification of the financial statement.

OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE, INDIANAPOLIS, March 17, 1903.

The within report, so far as the same relates to moneys drawn from the State Treasury, has been examined and found correct.

D. E. SHERRICK, Auditor of State.

March 17, 1903.

Returned by the Auditor of State, with above certificate, and transmitted to Secretary of State for publication, upon the order of the Board of Commissioners of Public Printing and Binding.

GEO. B. LOCKWOOD,

Private Secretary.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Indiana, March 17, 1903.

DANIEL E. STORMS, Secretary of State.

Received the within report and delivered to the printer this 17th day of March, 1903.

THOS. J. CARTER,

Clerk Printing Bureau.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

Hon. Winfield T. Durbin,

Governor of Indiana:

Sir—I submit herewith the record and report of the work of Farmers' Institutes for the two years ending October 31, 1902.

Under the larger appropriation for the maintenance of this work granted by the legislature of 1901, its scope and efficiency have greatly increased. It gives me pleasure to report to you that the work has never been more effective or more highly appreciated among the farmers of Indiana than at the present time.

WINTHROP ELLSWORTH STONE,
President of the University and
Chairman of Committee of Farmers' Institute.

Purdue University, February 27, 1903.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

W. E. Stone, Ph.D., President Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.:

Sir—In behalf of the committee on Farmers' Institutes, I submit herewith a brief report of the institute work for the two years ending October 31, 1902, with schedule of institutes for the current season.

INTRODUCTORY.

During the past two years the Farmers' Institute work has been carried forward along the same general lines as in previous years.

The increase in the annual appropriation from \$5,000 to \$10,000 voted by the General Assembly of 1901 became available in May of that year, after the active institute season had closed.

The additional sum thus rendered available for that year was expended in holding four district institutes and a woman's conference in August, and a general conference of institute workers in October of that year.

The year beginning November 1, 1901, was the first for which the full \$10,000 was available. The manner in which the increased appropriation was used is set forth in the succeeding pages of this report.

Distinguishing features of the work have been the growth of woman's auxiliaries of the Farmers' Institutes, and an increasing demand for women institute workers. A more detailed report of the work done follows under appropriate headings.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE INSTITUTE WORK.

After careful deliberation and consultation with experienced institute speakers and chairmen, it was thought best to use the increased appropriation in holding a greater number of meetings; in providing for more effective and a wider range of instruction;

in holding occasional district institutes for the promotion of special lines of agriculture; in providing more adequately for the annual conference of institute workers, and in defraying the increased expenses of administration, due to the enlargement of the institute work.

The above plans have all been faithfully carried into execution. Two features of the enlarged work need especial mention, viz.: The district institutes and the supplemental institutes held at points throughout the State remote from the places of annual meetings.

1. DISTRICT INSTITUTES.

The several objects aimed at in the district Farmers' Institutes are: (1) to give specialized instruction on some phase of agriculture for which the particular locality is naturally adapted; (2) to lead out in advance of the rank and file of the farmers, with a view of securing a more highly specialized, progressive and successful type of agriculture; (3) to instruct and arouse the more intelligent and progressive farmers, and also to inspire them to more earnest efforts for the continued advancement of agriculture in their respective localities.

Six of these district institutes have been held, one in the interest of persons engaged in dairying, three in the line of horticulture and gardening and two in the interest of those who are engaged in the production of butchers' stock for the general market. As was expected at the start, the attendance at these meetings has not been very large, ranging from 100 to 250. These institutes have been the means of bringing together some of the brightest men engaged in dairying, horticulture and live stock husbandry. The instruction at all of these meetings was of a high order, and must exert a helpful influence, not only upon the more local county and supplemental institutes, but upon the special lines of agriculture under consideration.

The character of these meetings will appear from the following program of the last one, which was held at Anderson, in August, 1902, in the interest of growers of the meat-producing animals of the farm:

OUTLINE PROGRAM.

OPENING SESSION.

The Agricultural Outlook—H. F. McMahan, Liberty.

Lines of Progress in Animal Husbandry—Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.

SECOND SESSION.

Breeding and Rearing Butcher's Stock.

Types of Sire and Dam—J. H. Miller, Peru. Discussion led by J. M. Donnelly, Anderson.

Growing Beef—L. H. Kerrick, Bloomington, Ill. Discussion led by Noah Haines, Pendleton.

THIRD SESSION.

Educational Session.

Opportunities for Young Men who Secure an Agricultural Education—President W. E. Stone, Purdue University, Lafayette. Discussion led by I. V. Busby, Anderson.

Why and How to Educate the Homemaker—Miss Laura G. Day, Wichita, Kan. Discussion led by Mrs. Meredith, Professor of Home Economics, University of Minnesota.

FOURTH SESSION.

Feeding Butcher's Stock.

Feeding Sheep and Lambs-Walter Wood, Pendleton.

Best Methods of Feeding-J. J. W. Billingsley, Indianapolis.

FIFTH SESSION.

Food Values. Marketing Butcher's Stock.

Food and Energy-H. P. Armsby, Director Pennsylvania Experiment Station.

Securing a Market:

- 1. Establishing a Reputation-F. H. Rankin, Champaign, Ill.
- A Clean Bill of Health—Dr. A. W. Bitting, Veterinarian, Experiment Station, Lafayette.

Selling-A. G. Burkhart, Tipton.

2. SUPPLEMENTAL INSTITUTES.

With few exceptions, the annual institutes have been held uniformly at the county seats. The experience of previous years had fully demonstrated that the farmers from near the sides and corners of the counties did not attend these annual meetings in any considerable numbers. It seemed best, therefore, to arrange for additional meetings at points as nearly as might be midway between the places of annual meeting.

During the years 1901 and 1902 the plan of having such meetings was carried into successful execution. By means of these supplemental meetings a new class of farmers is being reached and the benefits of the institute work more equally distributed.

These supplemental meetings have been conducted in essentially the same way as the annual meetings, except that no direct apportionment of State funds has been made for meeting local expenses. As a rule, a two-day program of five sessions has been presented. The general management has usually assigned two speakers to each of these meetings, leaving the people of the locality to meet all other expenses, including hall rent, printing programs, advertising, etc. The local authorities have usually provided also some home workers to assist the assigned speakers in discussing the topics presented.

Although these meetings have been held at places often far less accessible than the county seats, and at points having inadequate halls, churches or school buildings, the meetings have been both interesting and profitable, and in not a few instances the attendance has compared very favorably with that of the annual meetings, as will be seen by consulting the tables of attendance which appear in this report.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE CONFERENCES.

Three conferences have been held within the past two years. The first, a woman's conference, was held in August, 1901. This conference was informal in character, but the following topics were earnestly discussed by those in attendance.

- 1. Needs of farmers' wives and daughters.
- 2. What can be done for the women of the country?
 - (a) By Farmers' Institutes?
 - (b) By Agricultural Colleges?

Woman's Auxiliaries-

- (a) What they may accomplish.
- (b) Their relations to the Farmers' Institutes.
- (c) How they may be organized.

The conference was closed by an address on the education of the home maker by Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, professor of home economics of the University of Minnesota. The unanimous conclusion was reached at this conference that the institutes can be and should be more helpful to the women of the farm, and the desire was expressed that women especially trained for giving instruction in domestic economy be secured and sent out to the institutes in the several counties.

The fourth annual conference of institute officers and workers was held in October of the same year. The fifth annual conference of these workers occurred in October, 1902. The general purpose of these conferences has been to train both speakers and officers for more effective work at the annual and supplemental institutes, which are held during the winter months of each year, and affording, as they do, an opportunity for the active workers to meet together once a year, they partake somewhat of the nature of an annual reunion. More important than this, they serve to give a broader and truer view of the importance of agriculture and of the value of Farmers' Institutes in promoting its advancement. Moreover, they foster a spirit of good fellowship, awaken enthusiasm and inspire to more concerted and intelligent effort for the uplifting of the agricultural classes. The following is the program of the conference held October 14-15, 1902:

OCTOBER 14TH.

Tuesday, 9:30 a. m. N. W. Slater, Marshfield, Presiding. Invocation—Rev. T. F. Herman, Pastor German Reformed Church, Lafayette.

Greeting-President W. E. Stone.

Our Live Stock and Dairy Intertsts:

Why and How Encourage the Dairy Industry—C. P. Goodrich, Ft. Atkinson, Wis.; Prof. H. E. VanNorman, Purdue University.

Live Stock Husbandry and Agricultural Prosperity—L. H. Kerrick, Bloomington, Ill.; Prof. J. H. Skinner, Purdue University. Questions—Announcements.

1:30-2:30 p. m. Inspection of Buildings and Laboratories.

Tuesday, 2:30 p. m. A. A. Burrier, Roseburg, Presiding.

Our Agricultural and Horticultural Interests:

Progress in Horticulture—Why and How?—W. B. Flick, Lawrence; Prof. J. Troop, Purdue University.

Agricultural Advancement—Ways and Means—Alva Agee, Cheshire, Ohio; Prof. H. A. Huston, Director Experiment Station.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Lydia Evans, Plymouth, Presiding.

Educational Session, in the Interest of the Young People:

Music.

Nature Study, Its Purposes, Progress and Promotion—Prof. Stanley M. Coulter, Purdue University.

Questions.

Music.

Good Home Reading and How to Have It—Miss Merica Hoagland, State Library Organizer, Indianapolis.

Questions.

Music.

OCTOBER 15TH.

Wednesday, 9:30 a. m. P. Newsom, Elizabethtown, Presiding. Invocation—Rev. W. E. McKenzie, Pastor St. Paul's M. E. Church, Lafayette.

Informal Conference for Speakers, conducted by W. B. Flick, Lawrence. Suggested Topics for Consideration: "The Institute Speaker"—How chosen; his qualifications, character, standing, practical knowledge and ability to instruct; his preparation; his notification; his relation to the chairman; his relation to the other speakers; his ability to adapt himself to the needs of the institute; his fitness for the place assigned him in the program; his helpfulness; true test of a speaker's merit.

The views of chairmen are desired on the above and other subjects relating to institute speakers.

Wednesday, 1:30 p. m. R. H. Wood, Madison, Presiding.

Resolutions—Miscellaneous Business.

Informal Conference for Local Institute Officers, conducted by H. F. Mc-Mahan, Liberty.

Suggested Topics for Consideration: "The Institute Chairman"—How chosen; his qualifications, character, standing, public spirit and peculiar fitness for the work. His relation to the cause he represents, to the audience, to the speakers and to the State Superintendent of Institutes; his ability to advertise, organize and conduct an Institute.

"The Secretary"—His selection and general qualifications; his ability to call, announce and report meetings; his willingness to co-operate with chairman and committees; the value of an efficient secretary.

"The Institute"—How to prepare for and advertise it; how to make it most productive of good to agriculture and to the entire community—obstacles to a successful Institute, how removed; location of the Institute; bringing it to the people; making the Institute attractive and helpful to the boys and girls, the young people, the farmers' wives, the farmers, the stockmen, the dairymen, the fruit growers, the gardeners, the business and professional men.

The views of speakers and chairmen are desired on the above and related subjects.

This conference far exceeded in interest, number in attendance and number of counties represented any previous year. Only six counties were without representation. These were: Daviess, Knox, Noble, Orange, Perry and Sullivan. The following resolutions fittingly set forth the spirit and trend of the conference:

RESOLUTIONS OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF STATE FARMERS' INSTITUTE OFFICERS AND WORKERS.

Whereas, The Farmers' Institute work in this State has been advanced in a most satisfactory manner under the auspices of Purdue University School of Agriculture and the efficient services of Prof. W. C. Latta, as superintendent; and

Whereas, The progress of the work has served to broaden our view of the need of increasing the interest and zeal among those who have co-operated with the superintendent in the past progress of the undertaking, to the end that the great mass of farmers may be reached and advanced in this most ennobling calling; therefore,

Resolved: 1. That the most hearty co-operation of the chairman and other officers in each county and district in the State is most earnestly requested, in order that the widest possible range of efficiency and helpfulness of the work may be extended to all the farmers and others in this State.

- 2. That the selection of a chairman and other officers in each county or district should be made with care—looking to the best efficiency of the work, that it is indispensable to select men of character and efficiency, those who are in touch with the progress and needs of the hour in the line of agricultural pursuits, and that such only should be selected for future service.
- 3. That the Institute is not simply a place to be entertained and amused, but rather the means of instruction in the useful and practical truths in agriculture, to the end that all who are in attendance may take with them to their homes and put into practice in their life work the many valuable suggestions and experiences brought out in these agricultural schools.
- 4. That in preparing programs for Farmers' Institutes more care should be had in specializing the sessions by having kindred subjects grouped together so as to secure a wide range of information.
- 5. That we recommend a careful consideration of the sample programs prepared by Superintendent Latta, to outline, as far as practicable, the arrangement of subjects to be treated.
- 6. That in the selection of persons to take a place on the program due care should be had to secure the services of those that have the ability and experience requisite to treat the subject assigned to them intelligently and instructively.
- 7. That there is a great need throughout the State to interest and enlist the young men and young women in the institute work; that in order to do this, more effort should be made to secure the active service of young men and young women, by assigning them, with their consent, to places on the program, and award them with the needed encouragement when they have rendered the service.
- 8. That the interest of our homes and homemakers deserves a prominent place in the institute work to the end that we may secure a wider and deeper interest in advancing the institute work and the betterment of home life.

- 9. That more attention should be given to advertising the meetings of the institute by the use of postal cards, circulars, the local press, bills and posters and many other ways of reaching all farmers and their families in the country, or district, particularly the out townships.
- 10. That while we recognize the wisdom and foresight which led the Legislature of our State to increase the appropriation for the Farmers' Institute work in this State, we also recognize the need and justice of puting Purdue University upon a like basis with other institutions in the State, so that all needed facilities may be secured to make our State in agricultural instruction and advantages the equal of any other State.
- 11. That we favor the teaching of nature in our common schools and recommend that the chairman present the matter to the institute for further consideration.
- 12. That it is the sense of this conference that the entertainment, viz., hotel accommodations and luncheon, furnished by the university, also reduced railroad rates, is highly appreciated and much enjoyed by all.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to those who have arranged for this annual conference of institute workers and chairmen, ladies and gentlemen, in the preparation of a most admirable program and in securing the services of distinguished agriculturists and specialists from other States and local talent of a high order, to instruct and broaden our thought and quicken our activities in the future of this very important work—promoting, as it has and will, the prosperity of our State and nation.

J. J. W. BILLINGSLEY, MRS. J. C. ERWIN, C. B. BENJAMIN, MRS. W. L. BERRYMAN, N. P. HINES.

The number in attendance and the number of counties represented at these conferences are shown in the accompanying tabular statement:

TABLE SHOWING ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

- 1898. Counties represented, 51; number delegates, 115.
- 1899. Counties represented, 63; number delegates, 166.
- 1900. Counties represented, 53; number delegates, 147.
- 1901. Counties represented, 61; number delegates, 168.
- 1902. Counties represented, 86; number delegates, 245.

ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

The accompanying table gives the average attendance at the several sessions of each annual institute for the past two years, as based on the reports of the secretaries and assigned speakers:

TABLE SHOWING ATTENDANCE AT FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

•	No.	1901-1902.	1900-1901.
a	Sessions	Average	Average
County. Adams	Held.	Attendance.	Attendance.
Allen		216 307	208
Bartholomew			167
		177	508
Benton		140	266
Blackford		98	463
Boone		290	212
Brown		147	70 .
Carroll		294	185
Cass		190	122
Clark		. 78	38
Clay		82	184
Clinton		1,165	403
Crawford		74 .	89
Daviess		53	163
Dearborn		174	88
Decatur		437	168
Dekalb		279	407
Delaware		144	240
Dubois		176	204
Elkhart		985	754
Fayette	4	222	204
Floyd	5	58	94
Fountain	\dots 5	178	123
Franklin	5	268	326
Fulton	5	582	528
Gibson	5	260	189
Grant	5	222	400
Greene	5	252	192
Hamilton	5	83	162
Hancock	5	136	315
Harrison	5	172	305
Hendricks	4	177	205
Henry	5	1,318	795
Howard	6	320	180
Huntington	4	361	401
Jackson	6	254	136
Jay, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	6	178	163
Jasper	5	122	207
Jefferson	5	169	178
Jennings	5	76	119
Johnson	4	187	320
Kosciusko	4	275	521
Knox	5	199	720
Lagrange	5	640	436
Lake		290	377
Laporte	•	247	300
			200

County.	No. Sessions Held.	1901-1908. Average Attendance.	1900-1901. Average Attendance.
Lawrence	5	62	131
Madison		581	1,060
Marion		411	190
Marshall		235	753
Martin		66	47
Miami		143	108
Monroe		206	182
Montgomery		296	157
Morgan		295	252
Newton		120	83
Noble		104	155
Ohio	· · · · · -	120	95
		120	344
Orange		58	97
		59	311
Parke			
Perry		244	166
Pike		71	162
Porter		415 .	298
Posey		448	445
Pulaski		124	144
Putnam		362	370
Randolph		603	353
Ripley		137	134
Rush		540	381
Scott		107	165
Shelby		268	474
Spencer		195	244
Starke		72	132
St. Joseph	5	1,140	1,105
Steuben	–	388	360
Sullivan		57	64
Switzerland		243	168
Tippecanoe		188	215
Tipton		508	470
Union		449	261
Vanderburgh		196	151
Vermillion	\dots 5	108	170
Vigo	4	179	184
Wabash		88	213
Warren		271	135
Warrick		. 143	108
Washington	5	163	93
Wayne		462	217
Wells	5	480	640
White	5	178	133
Whitley	5	233	470
General average		 269	279

GENERAL AVERAGE.

1899-1900		269
1898-1899		250
1897-1898		272
1896-1897		232
1895-1896		272
1894-1895		118

It will be observed that the average attendance for the season of 1901-02 was slightly less than that of the preceding year. This might fairly be expected because of the supplemental institutes held the past season, which gave of portunity to attend meetings near home and thus avoid the necessity of a long drive to the place of annual meeting.

ATTENDANCE AT SUPPLEMENTAL FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

The following table shows the counties in which supplemental institutes were held, places of meeting, number of sessions held and the average attendance. This table, like the preceding one, is based on the reports of the secretaries and assigned speakers:

TABLE SHOWING ATTENDANCE AT SUPPLEMENTAL FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

	No. Sessions	Average
County. Place.	Held.	Attendance.
Allen—Hoagland	3	67
Allen-Monroeville	2	43
Blackford—Milgrove	6	139
Carroll—Yeoman	5	188
Clark-Borden	5	182
Clark—Henryville	5	94
Clinton-Middlefork	5	213
Crawford—Eckerty	5	62
Dearborn-Pleasant View	5	140
Dekalb—St. Joe	5	25
Dubois-Birdseye	5	30
Elkhart-Nappanee	5	749
Floyd—Grant Line Hall	6	71
Floyd—New Albany	5	67
Fountain-Attica	5	77
Fulton—Akron	5	124
Gibson-Owensville	5	360
Hamilton—Sheridan	5	77
Hamilton—Carmel	6	237
Hancock-Fortville	5	173
Harrison-Laconia	5	110
Harrison—Lanesville	5	66
Hendricks-Pittsborough	3	259
Henry—Spiceland	2	60
Henry-Knightstown	5	374

•	No. Sessions	Average
County. Place.	Held.	Attendance.
Henry-New Lisbon	2	60
Henry-Straughn	1	45
Howard-Greentown		60
Howard-New London	3	65
Huntington—Roanoke	2	178
Huntington-Warren	5	279
Huntington—Clear Creek	2	53
Jackson-Mooney	5	84
Jasper-Wheatfield	3	73
Jasper—Remington	5	92
Jennings—Paris Crossing	5	86
Jennings—Vernon	2	152
Johnson-Greenwood	5	163
Knox-Frichton	5	121
Knox-Sandborn	5	68
Kosciusko-Mentone	3	306
Lake-Lowell		197
Lagrange—Wolcottville		165
Lagrange—Lima		76
Lagrange—Topeka		84
Lawrence—Tunnelton	5	72
Laporte—Hanna		175
Madison-Elwood		422
Marion-Cumberland		172
Marion—Bridgeport		42
Marshall—Bourbon		251
MontgomeryDarlington		144
Montgomery—Ladoga		166
Morgan—Martinsville		77
Noble—Ligonier		117
Noble—Kendallville		139
Orange—Paoli		115
Owen—Cataract		77
Owen—Gataract		51
Owen—Patricksburg		67
Parke—Rosedale		142
Pike—Petersburg		62
Pike—Otwell		160
Porter—Chesterton		67
Pulaski—Francesville		57
		161
Putnam—Russellville		158
Randolph—Ridgeville		175
Randolph—Parker		134
Randolph—Losantville		
Ripley—Osgood		164
St. Joseph—New Carlisle		50 100
St. Joseph—Osceola		
Scott—Underwood		49 100
Scott—Lexington		100
Spencer—Dale		170
Spencer—Rockport	б	285

County. Place.	No. Sessions Held.	Average Attendance.
Steuben-Orland		169
Sullivan—Farmersburg (dairy)	2	25
Sullivan-Farmersburg (general)		50
Sullivan—Carlisle	2	33
Switzerland—East Enterprise:	5	89
Tipton-Windfall	5	442
Union-College Corner, Ohio	5	169
Vigo-Middletown	5	265
Vigo-Prairie Creek	2	50
Wabash-Lafontaine	3	104
Wabash-Roann	5	124
Warren-Pine Village	5	124
Warrick-Elberfeld	. : 5	41
WarrickYankeetown	5	171
Warrick-Heilman	5	147
Washington-Martinsburg	5	145
Wells-Ossian	5	195
Wayne—Hagerstown	1	6
Wayne—Cambridge City	5	142
Wayne—Fountain City	2	50
Wayne-Webster	1	. 35
Whitley—Churubusco	5	144
Whitley—South Whitley	5	286
General average		140

EXPENDITURES OF THE INSTITUTE FUND.

The following table shows the classified disbursements of the State institute fund for the years ending October 31, 1901, and October 31, 1902, as drawn from the books of the secretary of the university:

DR.				
•	1901.		1902.	
Received of State Treasurer	\$7,25 0	00	\$10,000	00
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Expense of holding 108 institutes and conference				
meetings	\$6,159	06		
Expense of holding 184 institutes and conference				
meetings			\$8,097	14
Salary of superintendent	166	66	916	67
Clerical work	424	48	533	92
Printing, stationery and postage	339	69	266	15
Illustrative material for institutes	74	83	79	00
Supplies	61	86	37	38
Miscellaneous, including freight, express and tele-				
grams	23	42	69	74
	\$7,250	00	\$10,000	00

SCHEDULE OF FARMERS' INSTITUTES FOR 1902-1903.

The following is a schedule of the annual and supplemental institutes, as arranged by the superintendent for the current season. The supplemental meetings of the schedule are indicated by printing the counties holding same in bold face type:

NOVEMBER.

PLACE OF MERTING AND CHAIRMAN OF INSTITUTE.	DATE.	Assigned Sprakers.
Dearborn, Dillsboro	Monday, Nov 10	H. P. Miller. H. F. McMahan.
Jennings, Benville. Jos. Raiston, Benville. Clark, Watson W. P. Bottorf, Utica. Harrison, Lanesville J. A. Harbison, Breckenridge	Monday, Nov. 10	H. S. Wolfe. N. P. Hines.
Harrison, Elizabeth G. W. Lambe, Elizabeth Perry, Celina. Jesse Cunningham, Celina. Spencer, Rockport J. A. Haines, Rockport.	Monday, Nov. 10	W.B. Flick. J. J. W. Billingsley.
Jennings, North VernonP. B. Ewan, HaydenJefferson, VolgaR. H. Wood, Madison	Wednesday, Nov. 12 Thursday, Nov. 13 Friday, Nov. 14 Saturday, Nov. 15	Mrs. J. C. Erwin. J. A. Burton.
Crawford, English J. F. Zimmerman, Wickliffe Perry, Don Juan J. J. Wheeler, Rome	Monday, Nov. 17	H. F. McMahan. Mrs. C. M. Thomas.
Warrick, Boonville	Friday, Nov. 21 Saturday, Nov. 22	H. F. McMahan. J. H. Gwaltney.
Orange, Orleans	Monday, Nov. 17 Tuesday, Nov. 18	H.S. Wolfe. J.J. W. Billingsley.
Ohio, Rising Sun W. B. Harris, Rising Sun Switzerland, Vevay John P. Porter, Vevay	Wednesday, Nov. 19 Thursday, Nov. 29 Friday, Nov. 21 Saturday, Nov. 22	J. J. W. Billingsley. Mrs. O. E. Carter.
Vanderburgh, Stringtown W. C. Goldsmith, Evansville, R. 3 Sibson. Hazelton Wm. Steelman, Hazelton Ulivan. Sullivan. Richard Taylor, Farmersburg	Monday, Nov. 17	H. P. Miller. Mrs. J. C. Erwin.

DECEMBER.

PLACE OF MEETING AND CHAIRMAN OF INSTITUTE.	DATE.	Assigned Speakers.
Scott, Scottsburg L. B. Stewart, Scottsburg Plark, New Washington, J. W. Williams, Henryville	Monday, Dec. 1	Mrs. J. W. Bates. J. H. Gwaltney.
Ripley, HoltonGeo. C. Miller, Dilleboro	Friday, Dec. 5	T. A. Coleman. Mrs. J. W. Bates.
Washington, Salem	Monday, Dec. 1 Tuesday, Dec. 2 Wednesday, Dec. 3 Thursday, Dec. 4	Mrs. J. M. Bloss. H. P. Miller.
Harrison, Corydon	Friday, Dec. 5 Saturday, Dec. 6	J. A. Burton. H. P. Miller.
Fountain, Veedersburg	Monday, Dec. 1	O F. Lane. Mrs. F. Ross.
Montgomery, Wingate	Wednesday, Dec. 3	T. J. Lindley. O. F. Lane.
Oubois, Huntingburg	Monday, Dec. 1	J. J. W. Billingsley. U. M. Stewart.
Pike, Winslow	Friday, Dec. 5 Saturday, Dec. 6	J. W. Billingsley. Mrs. C. M. Thomas.
Wayne, Boston G. R. Hart, Boston Wayne, Economy E. T. Veal, Economy	Wednesday, Dec. 3 Thursday, Dec. 4 Friday, Dec. 5 Saturday, Dec. 6	H. F. McMahan. D. B. Johnson.
Freene, Bloomfield	Monday, Dec. 8	J. J. W. Billingsley. J. H. Gwaltney.
Owen, Spencer	Monday, Dec. 8 Tuesday, Dec. 9	J. A. Burton. H. P. Miller.
Clay, Clay City	Wednesday, Dec. 10 Thursday, Dec. 11 Friday, Dec. 12 Saturday, Dec. 13	Mrs. O. E. Carter. H. P. Miller.
Decatur, ClarksburgLuther Hamilton, Clarksburg	Thursday, Dec. 11 Friday, Dec. 12	L. H. Kerrick. Miss G. Lindley.
Shelby, Shelbyville	Monday, Dec. 8 Tuesday, Dec. 9	H. F. McMahan. D. B. Johnson.
Bartholomew, Elizabethtown F. S. Tyner, Elizabethtown Johnson, Edinburg Albert Halstead, Edinburg	Wednesday, Dec. 10 Thursday, Dec. 11 Friday, Dec. 12 Saturday, Dec. 13	D. B. Johnson. E. C. Martindale.
Blackford, Hartford City	Monday, Dec. 8 Tuesday, Dec. 9	Mrs. J. M. Bloss. C. B. Benjamin.
Delaware, Shideler Arthur Shoemaker, Daleville Huntington, Markle S. W. Rarrick, Markle	Wednesday, Dec. 10 Thursday, Dec. 11 Friday, Dec. 12 Saturday, Dec. 13	H. F. McMahan. C. B. Benjamin.
Wadison, Markleville	•	T. S. Nugen. W. B. Flick.
Wayne, Cambridge City Isaac L. Whiteley, Cambridge City	Wednesday, Dec. 10 Thursday, Dec. 11	Prof. H. E. VanNorma W. B. Flick.
Wayne, Fountain City		Prof. H. E. VanNorma

DECEMBER-Continued.

PLACE OF MESTING AND CHAIRMAN OF INSTITUTE.	DATE.	Assigned Speakers.
Parke, Rockville	Monday, Dec. 15 Tuesday, Dec. 16	H. P. Miller. Prof. J. H. Skinner.
Montgomery, Crawfordsville J. M. Harshbarger, Ladoga Vermillion, Dana J. F. Robinson, Dana	Wednesday, Dec. 17	H. P. Miller. Mrs. J. M. Bloss.
Wabash, Wabash	Monday, Dec. 15 Tuesday, Dec. 16	Mrs. O. Kline. C. B. Benjamin.
Cass, Young America O. C. Gard, Young America White, Monticello D. P. Teeter, Headlee	Wednesday, Dec. 17 Thursday, Dec. 18 Friday, Dec. 19 Saturday, Dec. 20	A. G. Burkhart. C. B. Benjamin.
Dekalb, Butler W. L. Blaker, Butler Noble, Albion J. M. Schermerhorn, Brimfield Kosciusko, Milford Egbert Gawthrop, Milford	Monday, Dec. 15	O. F. Lane. W. F. DeVilbiss.
Washington, Chestnut Hill	Monday, Dec. 15	H. F. McMahan. U. M. Stewart.
Dubols, Hillham Owen Simmons, Hillham	Monday, Dec. 15 Tuesday, Dec. 16	J. A. Burton. H. S. Wolfe.
Dubois, Holland	Wednesday, Dec. 17 Thursday, Dec. 18	J. H. Gwaltney. H. S. Wolfe.
Gibson, Owensville	Friday, Dec. 19 Saturday, Dec. 20	H. S. Wolfe. Mrs. C. M, Thomas.
Marion, Castleton	Monday, Dec. 15	J. J. W. Billingsley. W. A. Hart.
Brown, Nashville J. F. Bond, Nashville	Friday, Dec. 26 Saturday, Dec. 27	Prof. H. E. VanNormar J. A. Burton.
Vigo, Terre Haute Chas. Yaw, Pimento	Friday, Dec. 26 Saturday, Dec. 27	J. H. Gwaltney. Prof. J. H. Skinner.
Tippecanoe, Clarks Hill G. W. Shaffer, Clarks Hill	Friday, Dec. 26	O. F. Lane.

JANUARY.

Marshall, Plymouth	Friday, Jan. 2 Saturday, Jan. 3	Prof. J. H. Skinner. O. A. Somers.
Monroe, Bloomington	Friday, Jan. 2 Saturday, Jan. 3	Prof. H. E. VanNorman. H. S. Wolfe.
Jackson, Seymour O. E. Carter, Seymour	Friday, Jan. 2 Saturday, Jan. 3	J. J. W. Billingsley. Mrs. F. Ross.
Elkhart, Goshen	Monday, Jan. 12	
Edward Bartholomew, Millers- burg St. Joseph, South Bend E. A. Metzger, Granger.	Tuesday, Jan. 13	Mrs. W. F. DeVilbiss. A. G. Burkhart.

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PLACE OF MEETING AND CHAIRMAN OF INSTITUTE.	DATE.	Assigned Speakers.
Laporte, Laporte,	Friday, Jan. 16 Saturday, Jan. 17	A. G. Burkhart. C. B. Benjamin.
Adams, Decatur	Monday, Jan. 12 Tuesday, Jan. 13	W. A. Hart. J. J. W. Billingsley.
Jay, Portland T. W. Logan, Westchester	Wednesday, Jan. 14 Thursday, Jan. 15	Mrs. O. E. Carter. J. J. W. Billingsley.
Grant, Marion	Monday, Jan. 12 Tuesday, Jan. 13	A. Agee. T. S. Nugen.
Hancock, Greenfield Geo. Walker. Willow Henry, Neweastle Otis Stubbs, Lewisville	Wednesday, Jan. 14 Thursday, Jan. 15 Friday, Jan. 16 Saturday, Jan. 17	T. S. Nugen, 1st day. A. Agee, 2d day. Mrs. F. Ross.
Montgomery, Waveland	Tuesday, Jan. 13	C. M. Hobbs. E. H. Collins.
Allen, Fort WayneGeo. V. Kell, Huntertown	Monday, Jan. 12 Tuesday, Jan. 13	O. F. Lane. Mrs. O. Kline.
Steuben, Angola John Harpham, Pleasant Lake	Wednesday, Jan. 14 Thursday, Jan. 15	O. F. Lane. Miss G. Erwin.
Dekalb, Garrett	Friday, Jan. 16 Saturday, Jan. 17	Mrs. J. C. Erwin. O. F. Lane.
Steuben, Ashley	Monday, Jan. 19	J. N. Babcock. O. F. Lane.
Lagrange, LagrangeL. E. Deal, Lagrange	Friday, Jan. 23 Saturday, Jan. 24	O. F. Lane. Miss G. Erwin.
Gibson, Oakland City E. C. Farmer, Sr., Oakland City Warrick, Newburg D. F. Williams, Newburg	Monday, Jan. 19 Tuesday, Jan. 20 Wednesday, Jan. 21 Thursday, Jan. 22	D. B. Johnson. H. S. Wolfe.
Posey, Mt. Vernon L. F. Osborne, Farmersville	Friday, Jan. 23 Saturday, Jan. 24	D. B. Johnson. Mrs. C. M. Thoma
Wells, BlufftonE. L. Chalfant, Bluffton, R. R. 1	Monday, Jan. 19 Tuesday, Jan. 20	O. A. Somers. Mrs. J. M. Bloss.
Fulton, Rochester. Isaiah Imler, Rochester Starke, North Judson Fred Garing, North Judson	Wednesday, Jan. 21 Thursday, Jan. 22 Friday, Jan. 23 Saturday, Jan. 24	O. A. Somers. A. G. Burkhart.
Benton, Otterbein F. M. Maddox, Otterbein Benton, Boswell J. C. Dimmick. Boswell Warren, Pine Village L. A. Sailor, Pine Village	Monday, Jan. 19	H. F. McMahan. E. C. Martindale.
Clinton, Frankfort D. F. Maish, Frankfort Carroll, Flora G. W. Shanklin, Cutler Tippecanoe, Lafayette S. W. Brady, Lafayette	Monday, Jan. 19	A. Agee. U. M. Stewart.
Lake, Crown PointE. H. Hixon, Crown Point	Monday, Jan. 19 Tuesday, Jan. 20	Miss G. Erwin. J. J. W. Billingsley
Porter, Hebron	Wednesday, Jan. 21 Thursday, Jan. 22	J. J. W. Billingsley. J. B. Burris.

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PLACE OF MEETING AND CHAIRMAN OF INSTITUTE.	DATE.	Assigned Speakers.
Jasper, Rensselaer. M. I. Adams, Rensselaer. White, Wolcott	Monday, Jan. 26	D. B. Johnson. Mrs. J. C. Erwin.
Fayette, Connersville. Grant Williams, Connersville. Franklin, Brookville. L. J. Wilson, Brookville. Rush, Rushville T. A. Coleman, Rushville	Wednesday, Jan. 28 Thursday, Jan. 29 Friday, Jan. 30	A. Agee. Mrs. F. Ross.
Kosciusko, Silver Lake Joshus Leffel, Silver Lake Kosciusko, Waresw Egbert Gawthrop, Milford	Tuesday, Jan. 27	O. A. Somers. Miss G. Erwin.
Marshall, Bremen	Friday. Jan. 30 Saturday, Jan. 31	O. A. Somers. C. B. Benjamin.
Miami, Peru	Wednesday, Jan. 28	J. N. Babcock. Miss G. Lindley.
Johnson, Franklin		H. S. Wolfe. A. G. Burkhart.

FEBRUARY.

Morgan, Mooresville	Monday, Feb. 2 Tuesday, Feb. 3	Miss G. Lindley. H. F. McMahan.
Hendricks, DanvilleLee Barnett, Danville	Wednesday, Feb. 4 Thursday, Feb. 5 Friday, Feb. 6 Saturday, Feb. 7	H. F. McMahan. W. B. Flick.
Cass, Logansport	Monday, Feb. 2 Tuesday, Feb 3	A. Agee. A. G. Burkhart.
Whitley, Columbia City	Wednesday, Feb. 4 Thursday, Feb. 5 Friday, Feb 6 Saturday, Feb. 7	A. Agre Mrs. O. Kline.
Laporte, Westville. E. S. Smith, Westville. Porter, McCool. J. S. Robbins, McCool. St. Joseph, Osceola. C. M. Curtis, Osceola.	Monday, Feb. 2	C. B. Benjamin. J. N. Bahcock.
Henry, Lewisville	Monday, Feb. 2 Tuesday, Feb. 3	W.B. Flick. O.A. Somers.
Rush, Carthage	Wednesday, Feb. 4	T. S. Nugen. O. A. Somers.
Union, Liberty	Friday, Feb. 6 Saturday, Feb. 7	O. A. Somers. Mrs. F. Ross.
Dearborn, Bright	Monday, Feb. 9 Tuesday, Feb 10	Mrs. J. W. Bates. O. A. Somers.
Tipton, Tipton		W. A. Hart. J. B. Burris.

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PLACE OF MEETING AND CHAIRMAN OF INSTITUTE.	DATE.	Assigned Speakers.
Lake, Lowell. Albert Foster, Lowell	Friday, Feb. 13	J. J. W. Billingsley.
Warren, West Lebanon	Friday, Feb. 13 Saturday, Feb. 14	J. B. Burris. Miss G. Lindley.
Fountain, Covington L. D. Dellaven, Veedersburg Fountain, Kingman A. H. Lindley, Kingman Hendricks, Pittsboro J. W. Keeney, Pittsboro	Monday, Feb. 9	H. F. McMahan. U. M. Stewart.
Marion, Acton	Wednesday, Feb. 11 Thursday, Feb. 12	Miss G. Lindley. A. G. Burkhart.
Madison, Anderson	Friday, Feb. 13 Saturday, Feb. 14	Mrs. F. Ross. A. G. Burkhart.
Blackford, Roll Theodore Clapper, Hartford City. Delaware, Muncie Arthur Shoemaker, Daleville Boone, Lebanon S. T. Stephenson, Lebanon	Monday, Feb. 9 Tuesda, Feb. 10	L. A. Stockwell. W. B. Flick.
Fulton, Akron	Wednesday, Feb. 18 Thursday, Feb. 19 Friday, Feb. 20 Saturday, Feb. 21	U. M. Stewart. H. F. McMahan.
Adams, Berne. C. D. Kunkle, Monmouth	Monday, Feb. 16	D. B. Johnson. W. A. Hart.
Martin, Loogootee. J. M. Sherfick, Shoals Jacks, Medora. C. C. Medillan, Medora. Bartholomew, Hartsville F. S. Tyner, Elizabethtown	Monday, Feb. 16	H. S. Wolfe. N. P. Hines.
Rando'ph, Winchester E. W. Hill, Winchester	Thursday, Feb. 19 Friday, Feb. 20	J. J. W. Billingsley. Mrs. O. E. Carter.
Wells, Ossian Evan L. Chalfant, Bluffton, R. R.1 Allen, Harlan Sylvester Stopher, Harlan Whitley, Laud J. J. Goble, Columbia City, R. R.1	Monday, Feb. 16	O. F. Lane. O. A. Somers.
Wells, Poneto. G. M. Gavin, Liberty Center Grant. Van Buren. W. K. Frazier, Van Buren. Huntingten, Bippus. A. G. Brookover, Bracken	Monday, Feb. 23	J. B. Burris. C. B. Benjamin.
Noble, LaOtto	Monday, Feb. 23	A. G. Burkbart. C. M. Hobbs.
Lagrange, So. Milford. E. F. Seagly, So. Milford. St. Joseph, No. Liberty C. I. Reamer, No. Liberty Pulaski. Medaryville Aug. Reeser, Medaryville	Monday, Feb. 23 Tuesday, Feb. 24 Wednerday, Feb. 25 Thursday, Feb. 26 Friday, Feb. 27.	O. F. Lane. D. B. Johnson.

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PLACE OF MERTING AND CHAIRMAN OF INSTITUTE.	DATE.	Assigned Sprakers.
Cass, Royal Center D. T. Vernon, Royal Center White, Burnetts Creek M. K. Reiff, Burnetts Creek	Wednesday, Feb. 25	C. J. Whistler. H. F. McMahan.
Pulaski, Pulaski	Monday, Feb. 23	W. A. Hart. E. H. Collins.
Whitley, Larwill	Wednesday, Feb. 25 Thursday, Feb. 26 Friday, Feb. 27. Saturday, Feb. 28	W. A. Hart. W. B. Flick.

ADDITIONAL INSTITUTES HELD.

In addition to the regular schedule of institutes given above, second meetings were held as follows:

COUNTY.	PLACE.	DATE.
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No speakers were assigned to these meetings, but the chairmen were allowed to use the unexpended balances of the \$25.00 apportionment to their respective counties in defraying expenses incurred.

An extra Supplemental Institute was held in Knox County, at Frichton, March 2-3, to which Mr. H. F. McMahan was assigned.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE INSTITUTE WORK.

Substantial progress is being made in all lines of agriculture. The intelligence of the farming classes is steadily increasing, and this finds expression in the growing demand for the very best institute instructors available. There is, also, a greater recognition of the value of Farmers' Institutes as a means of agricultural improvement. It is imperative, therefore, that the institute work

should be maintained at a high standard of excellence and that the largest possible number of those who are interested in agriculture should be induced to attend the institutes and take some active part in this great school of the farmers, for the farmers and by the farmers.

It is gratifying to note that the quality of the instruction at Farmers' Institutes has been well maintained, but there is still room for improvement. Every one who aspires to be an efficient institute instructor must be willing to make strenuous efforts to improve his own chosen line of agriculture and keep himself fully informed as to the progress of agriculture in general. He should diligently study his own needs and the needs of his fellow-farmers, and he should seek, by means of carefully conducted experiments, the reading of the best agricultural papers and the earnest study of the bulletins of the experiment stations, to learn how those needs can best be met.

Perhaps the weakest point in the institute work, at the present time, is the advertising of the meetings in several counties. While in many cases the advertising has been so well done that the halls will no longer contain those who seek admission, in many other counties the attendance is not nearly as large as it should be. The question of advertising in these counties, therefore, requires the earnest attention of both the general and local managements.

In many cases, in Southern Indiana, a full attendance has often been out of the question on account of almost impassable roads. It is not only very important, but absolutely necessary, to effect a more general improvement of the highways before a large attendance can be secured in some counties of the State. Perhaps the Farmers' Institutes could do no better work in such counties than to institute a campaign for improved highways along intelligent and practical lines.

The general make-up of the institute programs has frequently been unsatisfactory. There is a tendency to overload the programs and introduce so large a variety of subjects as to prevent the most thorough instruction in any one. In the hope of remedying this defect, in a measure, the superintendent of institutes sent out to all the chairmen at the opening of the institute season, a sample program providing for special sessions as a means of concentrating the thought of speakers and audience upon a few im-

portant lines of agriculture of especial interest to the particular locality. This sample program was approved by the 1902 Conference of Institute Workers. The form and make-up of the sample program sent out are as follows:

PROGRAM

Of
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
PURDUE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE,
At(Name Hall, School or Church Building.)
(Days of Week and Month, and also the Year.)
Especially for those who are interested in the promotion of Agriculture, and the prosperity of the agricultural classes.
All are cordially invited to attend. Every session open and free to all. Remember the date. Preserve this program.
(Day of Week and Month.)
9:30 a. m. Music.
Invocation
Music.
Opening Remarks by Chairman — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
Discussion.
Renewing the Supply of Humus ——— ——————————————————————————
Fertilization Discussion. Announcements.
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1:30 p. m.
Music. Live Stock Session—
Importance of Improved Live Stock
Discussion.
Profits in Good Live Stock
Discussion. Kinds Best Suited to the Locality
General Discussion.

7:30 p. m.	
Music.	
General and Educational—	
Nature Study in the Public Schools	
$\mathbf{Questions.}$	
Home Reading for the Boys and Girls	
Music.	
Sanitary Homes	
Discussion.	
. Music.	
(Day of Week and Month.)	
Music.	
Invocation	
Music.	
Horticulture —	
Fruit Possibilities of the Locality	
Questions.	
My Experience with Small Fruits	
Discussion.	
Commercial Orcharding	
General Discussion.	
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1:30 p. m.	
Music.	
Miscellaneous Business and Election of Officers, etc.	
Farm Dairying—	
Why are Dairy Sections so Prosperous?	
Questions.	
Private Dairying Its Advantages and Disadvantages	
Discussion.	
Should We Establish a Creamery?	
Organisms Garage Disaussion Adjournment	

${\bf SUGGESTIONS}.$

If a four-page program is decided upon, the last page may be leased to an enterprising business firm that will print an ample number of programs if permitted to insert an advertisement on said page. No "Ad" should be placed on the other pages of the program.

The form of program may vary to suit the taste, but the plan of special sessions set forth in the preceding pages of this program will prove highly satisfactory if carefully carried out.

The subjects of the assigned speakers may not always be exactly suitable for special sessions. As a rule, however, general subjects may be chosen that will include many of the topics of the assigned speakers.

The following are good general themes, for special sessions:

Agricultural adaptations of the county. Conditions of success with live stock.

Manures and fertilizers.

The home.

Farm sanitation.

The young people.

Co-operation among farmers.

Business methods on the farm.

It will be easy to choose two or three sub-topics that will come appropriately under each of the above general headings.

Quite a number of the chairmen acted on the suggestions of this sample program, but a careful study of the programs, which have come to the superintendent's office, shows that many of them gave little attention to the suggestions contained therein. Assigned speakers have frequently suggested the importance of supervising the programs prepared by the several chairmen. The superintendent will be glad to undertake such supervision in future, so far as it shall meet with the approval of the local authorities.

The plan of holding supplemental institutes is meeting with hearty approval. More meetings have been asked for, the present season, than could be furnished speakers, with the funds at command. These meetings carry the work to a class of farmers many of whom would not, otherwise, be reached, and although the quality of the work is not improved by these meetings, the benefits of the work are much more widely disseminated. In a number of cases permanent organizations have been effected at points where supplemental institutes have been held, and at some of these places independent institutes will be held in future if State funds should not be available for the assignment of speakers.

The superintendent recognizes the need of keeping in close touch with the work throughout the State, and it is his purpose, by means of correspondence and visitation, to familiarize himself with the most urgent needs of the several counties in the hope of making the institutes still more effective in meeting these needs.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Central Passenger Association has continued its valuable support to the institute work by granting, as heretofore, special rates to the institute speakers. The press of the State has, in most cases, given liberal support to the work, not only in the free publication of programs, but in publishing, as well, extended and valuable reports of the meetings held. The university authorities have continued to render valuable assistance by sending out, free of charge, members of the faculty and station staff to address Farmers' Institutes whenever it was practicable to do so without neglecting important university duties. The president of the university, director of the experiment station and the secretary of the faculty have all rendered valuable service without any charge whatever to the institute fund. The co-operation of the local institute officers and speakers has been, in nearly all cases, hearty and effective.

The undersigned begs to express his appreciation of the good will and cordial co-operation of all with whom he has been associated in the institute work.

Respectfully submitted,

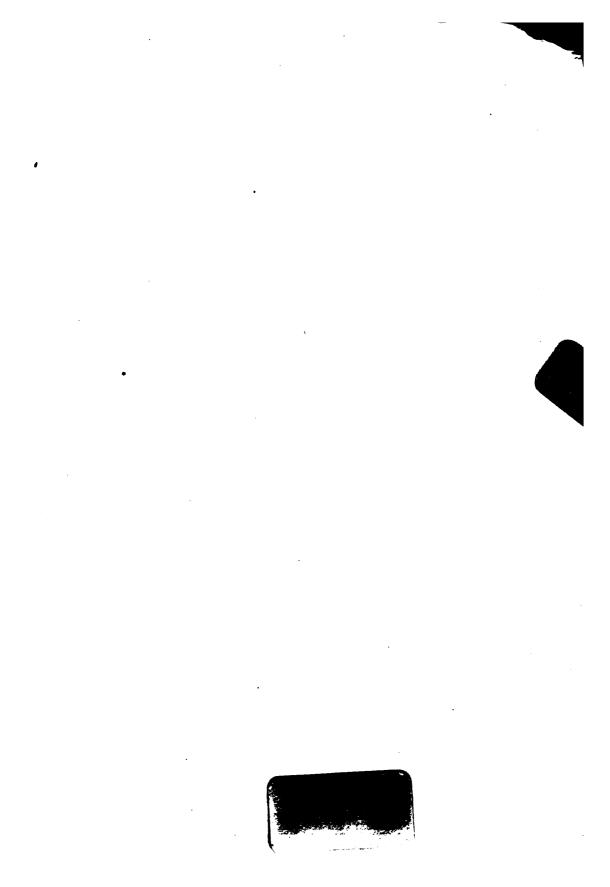
W. C. LATTA,

Superintendent Farmers' Institutes.

Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., February 24, 1903.

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